

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to NOT support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Although I am A Dish Network customer, I believe the merger will decrease video and broadband choices for consumers like me because the combined company will provide decreased competition to cable and satellite companies.

The combined company will DESTROY the competition with Satellite providers as well as cable operators by becoming a MONOPOLY.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet and the the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in decreased competition in the broadband market by creating a Monopoly.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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